

Middle Village Community Meeting
April 19, 2005 – 5:00 p.m.
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Legislators present: Laurie Reiter and Ken A. Fish

Legislators absent: Middle Village Community Chairperson Ann Marie Johnson.

Community Members Present: Jon Wilson, Brian Tepiew and Brianne Tepiew.

Meeting started at 5:15 p.m.

Brenda Tomow from Tribal Administration was present and spoke to everyone about strategic planning. Brenda informed everyone that the Tribe has been working with the College of the Menominee Nation and the goal is to create a long range strategic plan that will improve Menominee's self sufficiency. Brenda stated that the process will take around 3 years and that the project is funded through an ANA grant in the amount of \$524,050. Throughout the 3 years several meetings will take place, a survey will be sent out to some tribal members and currently there is an art contest to develop a Strategic Planning Logo.

Laurie Reiter opened the floor for any concerns the community members may have.

- **When the police pull someone over can they pull further off the road?**
- **How is the drug busts coming along? Have there been any?**
- **When people are busted for selling drugs are their houses taken away?**
- **Laurie stated that if the committee wants, the Tribal Police can be at the next Middle Village Community meeting. The community members present stated that they would like either the police there or at least some kind of update from the last time they were at the Community meeting.**
- **Why doesn't the Menominee Casino recognize the Menominee Tax Exempt ID's as a proof of age?** Legislators discussed the issue and would like to check into getting the ID's as an official document.

- **Community members stated that they would like to compliment Tribal Chairman Chapman on his weekly updates.**
- **What ever happened to planting trees in the Middle Village area?** At one of the community meetings Ann Marie said she could possibly get either the JTP workers, summer youth workers or TANF workers to do the planting.
- **Is there a curfew in Middle Village?** If there is it should be enforced because kids are running all over the place at all hours of the night. Once in awhile the police will drive through and when the kids see the cops they hide behind houses until they are gone.
- **The police should stop or at least slow down so they can hear where the kids are.**
- **Can meeting notices be posted on the website?** Community members stated that many times they don't get to either post offices or to Tribal Offices to see the postings and would like to know when some of the meetings are taking place.
- **The street lights should be Plexiglas so the kids can't break them as easily.** When the lights are working a lot of the kids behavior changes because they can be seen.

Meeting ended at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
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